

REMARKS

Claims 26-29, 32-37, 39, 40, and 46 are currently pending. Claims 26, 36, 37, and 39 are independent. Claims 38 and 41-45 have been cancelled.

There are presently three outstanding rejections in this application which are set forth below:

- Claims 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, 36, 37, 39, 40, and 46 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1-4, 7, and 8 of Taniuchi et al. (U.S. 7,661,809).
- Claims 34 and 35 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 8 of Taniuchi et al. in view of Komatsu et al. (U.S. 6,059,407).
- Claims 26, 29, 36, 39, and 46 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over Claims 1, 3, 6, and 7 of Mouri et al. (U.S. 7,419,257).

Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, and solely to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit herewith the attached Terminal Disclaimer. The requisite fee is being paid electronically. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any additional fee be deemed necessary. In light of the above, Applicants submit that the outstanding obviousness-type double patenting rejections have been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In light of the fact that Claim 26 should be now be allowed, Applicants respectfully request consideration of Claim 28, which depends from Claim 26.

There being no further rejections, Applicants submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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